



Gate Pā School

Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Tuesday 29th June

Newsletter No. 8, Term 2, Week 9



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Kia ora tatou whānau

Thank you to the 100+ whānau who attended last week's Poupou blessing and opening of our front entrance. Plaques are currently being created to share the stories of the Māori Poupou which represent Paraone Koikoi (1828-1874) and his wife Matatu (1824- 1896). These ancestors took care of the children and women during the Battle of Pukehinahina. They will now do the same for us as a kura - our kaitiaki (guardians).

The additional six cultural Pou that adorn the front entrance represent the different cultural groups which add value to Gate Pā School. These Pou show our respect for each of these groups and our commitment to a curriculum where all students develop their understanding of their own and others language, culture, and identity.

ART EXHIBITION AND STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES - Thanks for sharing in these celebrations.

NEW STAFF - Welcome back to Jordy Yeatman. Jordy will be working with children and their families as part of our pastoral team. The title of her role is 'kaiarahi'. This means to lead, mentor, look after... We also welcome back from maternity leave our Social Worker Tamsyn Sullivan. We are fortunate to have such a skilled and dedicated team supporting the well-being of our learning community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Aiden Sio who represented Gate Pā School in the Western Bay of Plenty Cross-Country and finished in the top 30.
- Bethany Hartley and Leila McDonald whō have both been selected as soloists for the Inter-School Music Festival.
- Our Rumaki classes, together with the Puna Reo, performed at last Sunday's Matariki Festival.

Awesome achievements!!

MANAWATIA MATARIKI

Our kura will be celebrating Matariki during Week 10. This will include lots of activities and lessons for our students including a whānau event being held on Thursday the 8th of July at 2:15pm. Come on down to our kura, make a wish to Hiwaiterangi and share a sausage sizzle with your child/children. We hope to see you there.


FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

- Trampoline Raffle - Tickets \$5. These can be purchased from the office. Drawn: 8th July.
- Mama's Donuts Fundraiser. \$3 per donut. Pre-orders can be made at the office. Donuts will be available on the 8th July
- New Parents Afternoon Tea - Wed 30th June - 2:15 - 3pm Staffroom

KEY DATES:

- Union Meeting - Thursday 1st July - 12:30 - 3pm
 - Teachers at Gate Pā School will be attending an NZEI Te Riu Roa Paid Union Meeting. We ask all parents to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up by 12:30pm on 1st July. If you are unable to do this please contact the school office so supervision arrangements can be made.
- Staff Only Day - Friday 2nd July - all day
 - School will be closed on this day as all staff will be involved in professional learning.
- School Photos - Friday 9th July
- LAST DAY OF TERM 2 - Friday 9th July. TERM 3 starts- Monday 26th July

Noho ora mai


Rochelle Jensen (Tumuaki/Principal)



Welcome to Jahzara, Mackenzie, Lorna, Tawhai, Alice, Rycheous and Kay-Ana who have joined us recently.

It is great to have you here!

Trampoline Raffle

\$5 a ticket

Available at the school office.

All proceeds going to FOTS

(Friends of the School)

COMING EVENTS - 2021

June

Wed 30th Welcome new whānau/families
Afternoon tea 2.15pm-3pm.

July

Thurs 1st Paid Union Meeting (PUM) 12.30 pm.

Fri 2nd Staff Only Day—School Closed.

Thurs 8th Matariki Celebrations Sausage Sizzle
2.15 pm. Whānau welcome.

Fri 9th School Photos.

End of Term 2.

Mon 26th Start of Term 3.

Dental Mobile Unit here for Term 3.

Art Exhibition



*Ko Te Whānau
Ko Te Whānau ko Te Whānau
Ko Te Whānau ko Te Whānau
There are three people in my family
Ko Te Whānau ko Te Whānau
My culture is Maori and Indian*